

Name of memorial: Modreeny Ambush Memorial

Inventory No. 1386

Place: Modreeny, Co. Tipperary.

Address and map reference: Modreeny, Co. Tipperary (on the R490, about 1.75km west of the point where the R 490 has a 90° turn from east/west to north/south, 3km from Cloughjordan and 7km from Borrisokane..

Map reference: R 944 899 (Sheet 59).

Co-ordinates: N 52.9609°; W 8.0834°.

Access: at all times. **Parking:** adjacent. **Disabled access:** yes.

Position: at the roadside on a sharp bend on the R490, at the junction with the L 5082, 4.6km from Borrisokane and 5.8km from Cloughjordan.

Description and dimensions: rough stone pillar in plinth with two plaques.

Height: appx. 150cms. Width: appx. 100cms. Depth: appx. 50cms.

Recorded by: Ann Cleary 30 December 2021.

Text:

On the face of the plinth:

**MODREENY AMBUSH
3 JUNE 1921**

On the left panel:

MODREENY AMBUSH

The Modreeny ambush was the last major engagement of the War of Independence (1919-1921) in North Tipperary before *The Truce* came into effect on 7 July 1921.

Here, on 3 June 1921 the Active Service Unit (Flying Column) of Tipperary (No. 1) Brigade, Irish Republican Army, aided by eight local Volunteers, ambushed a detachment of Royal Irish Constabulary travelling from Borrisokane to Cloughjordan.

The attack lasted about 45 minutes before the attackers safely withdrew.

Irish Republican Army Commanders

Sean Gaynor (1st Battalion) - Nenagh.

Jack Collison (2nd Battalion) - Moneygall.

Pat O'Brien (1st Battalion) - Silvermines.

Sean Glennon (4th Battalion) - Lorrha.

Bill Dwyer (2nd Battalion) - Cloughjordan

Royal Irish Constabulary Commanders

Edmund Fitzpatrick (52396) - Leitrim

William Jones (66466) - Wicklow

Constabulary Fatalities

James Briggs DCM MM (70463) – Scotland.

John Cantlon (52669) – Carlow.

Martin Feeney (65453) – Roscommon.

William Walsh (55430) – Kilkenny.

This marker was erected in memory of all those involved.

Cloughjordan Heritage Group

2 October 2021

On the right panel:

LUÍOCHÁN MHAIGH DRITHNE

Ba é Luíochán Mhaigh Drithne an mórchomhrac míleata deireanach de Chogadh na Saoirse (1919-1921) i dTuaisceart Thiobraid Árann, sular tháinig an *Sos Cogaidh* i bhfeidhm ar an 7ú Iúil 1921.

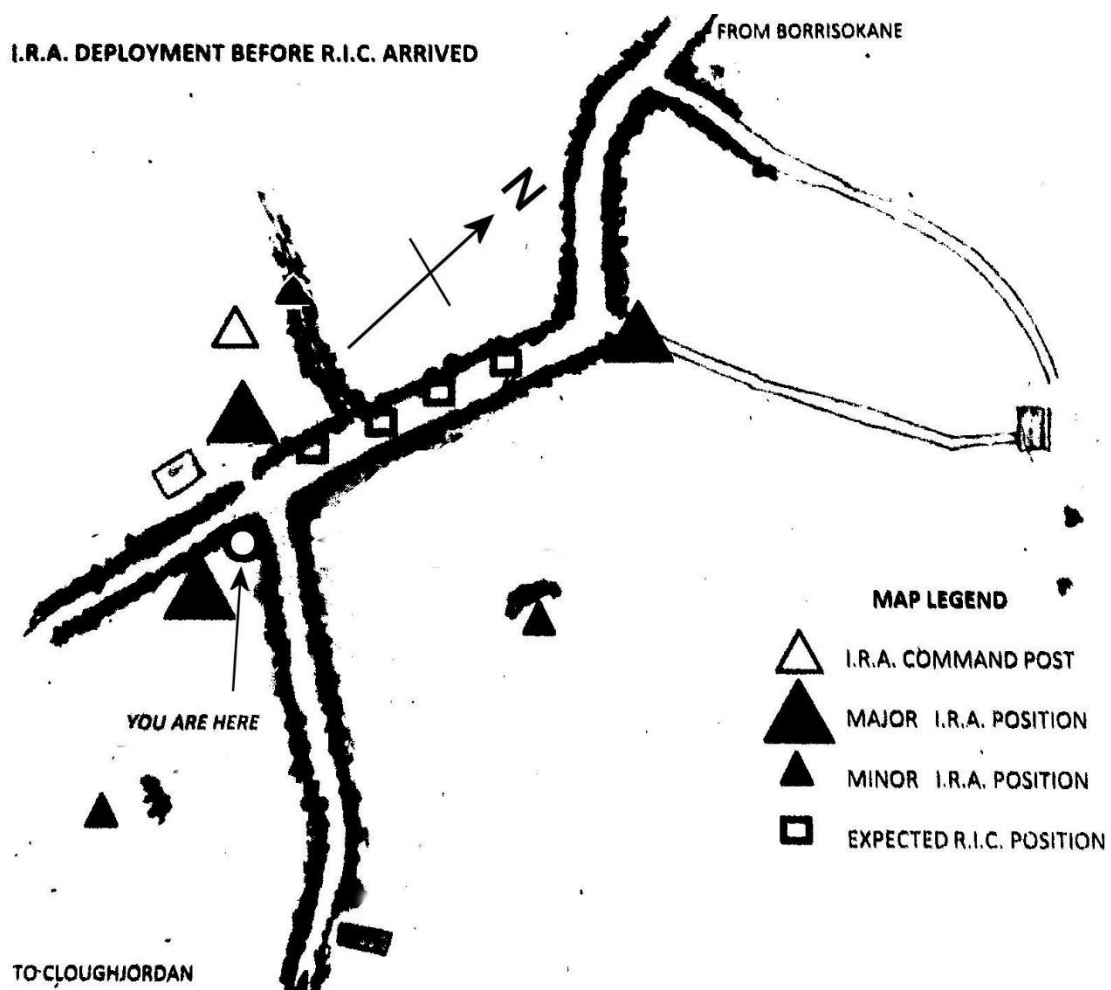
Is san áit seo ar an 3ú Meitheamh 1921 a tharla an luíochán.

Rinne Aonad Fiannais (Colún Reatha) de Bhriogáid Thiobraid Árann (Uimh.1). Óglaigh na hÉireann, luíochán ar

fhórsa de Chonstáblacht Ríoga na hÉireann a bhí ag taisteal ó Bhuiríos Uí Chéin go Cloch Shiurdáin. Is le tacaíocht ó ochtar Óglaigh áitiúla a tharla an luíochán.

Mhair an t-ionsaí thart ar 45 nóiméad sular aistarraing na hionsaitheoirí go slán sábháilte. Maraíodh ceathrar d'fhórsa

Chonstáblacht Ríoga na hÉireann



For a detailed account of this ambush visit

www.bit.ly/modreeny